Dear Paul,

5/2/78

Between the time the FOIA cases take and the break in the weather (now we NEED rain!) I've been busier than usual. I'm letting everything not urgent go to work outside periodically. Not as I used to, not as long as I'd like, but regularly, every day. I do this and then I take a rest break, when I catch up on letters, etc., if the FOIA work is not breathing hard.

I think it is a good sign that I can do as much as I've been doing. Digging, pushing and pulling earth in carts, building up the low side of the lane, etc. I could use the little tractor mower to pull carts but that won't help me so I don't and prefer doing to by jackass power.

We appreciate your gift very much. Thanks. Since we spoke there have been no legal developments in the FOIA cases. In fact, Jim is so overloaded that he had to ask for a second postponement in the spectro appeal.

Flynt has not withdrawn his offer. I think he does not expect to pay on it. I had a seemingly pointless letter from Lane on this a couple of weeks ago, asking what in Post Mortem I based the claim on. I told him all, including the parts he used.

There was nothing new -AND TRUTHFUL - in that Freep issue. There was much fabrication and more malice, which when hidden can be attractive. I did hear that the second special had been printed but not circulated.

If I didN8t tell you, there was a place behind the house that had washed out over the years. This meant it could not be mowed with the riding mower. So, to reduce what has to be done by hand - in the hope that I'll be able to do some by hand, too - I decided to try to fill it in, level it off. This has already taken half of a large dump truck of earth and stone that the county dumped here several years ago. It also required that after I buried the pipe (roof runoff water) I had to build a rock device to spread the water. That left a sort of hole. Well, asparagus has to be planted deep. So I asked Lil about planting some there, she liked the idea, I got some good roots and 7 of the 12 are up - without a rain on them. (The way you do it is to fill in the trenches as the plants grow so when I'm finished it will be smooth.)

You know the song about April showers. Well, we had a dray April But on Sunday I used the riding mower twice, a half hour each time. Made out okay, so that is better than last summer.

The victory in the suit to get fees waived in the JFK case sweetened a bit today. DJ has agreed to pay Jim's fees, for the first time. Otherwise he'd have sued.

Also if I didn8t tell you I had to order 10 new file cabinets, to hold the records I know I am getting in addition to that already here. I'm saying nothing about this for now to avoid hassles and flak from the nuts and self-seekers.

So, I guess everything is going as well as one could hope.

Now for an attack on the dirt pile before supper. Our thanks and our best wishes,

Harold